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Parental Notification Policy

The purpose of the Parental Notification Policy is to enhance campus safety, student health and wellness, and academic success. In accordance with the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, the College is permitted to disclose to the parents/guardians of a student who is under age 21 information regarding the student's violation of any federal, state or local law or policy of the College governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance and the College has determined through the discipline process that the student was found responsible for a violation of such possession or use. Additional circumstances in which the College would notify parents/

guardians cannot be completely enumerated. However, if a true health or safety emergency exists, in order to protect the student or others, the College may make notification to parents/guardians.

Among several interventions utilized by the College for violations involving alcohol or controlled substance, the Dean of Students, or designee, will notify the parents/guardians of students who are under age 21 by telephone and/or letter if any of the following circumstances are met:

1. The student has shown a pattern of conduct of violations that indicate a potential physical or emotional problem.
2. The student was found responsible for a violation of federal, state or local law or College policy related to alcohol or other drugs in accordance with the College's standard responses for alcohol or drug offenses.
3. The student was required to be transported to a medical facility because of alcohol or other drug use.
4. The student has caused harm to him/herself or another while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
5. The student was arrested or taken into custody by police for being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
6. The student was arrested or taken into custody by police for possessing a large quantity of illegal drugs or for the actual or attempted sale of illegal drugs.
7. The student was responsible for vandalism or other destruction of property while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
8. The student was operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
9. The information regarding the student is needed in connection with an emergency to protect the health or safety of the student or other individual.